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Honorable Ron Jones, Chairman
c/o Sharla Dillon, Docket & Records Manager
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***RE: In Re: Petition of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for
Arbitration Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996
TRA Consolidated Docket No. 03-00585***

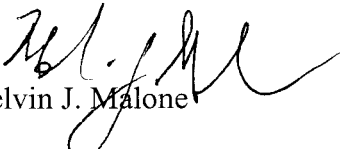
Dear Chairman Jones:

The CMRS Providers submit this brief letter for the sole purpose of clarifying the record with respect to recent negotiation efforts. While a motion to strike certain portions of the ICOs' December 5, 2005, filing may be appropriate, in the interest of judicial economy the CMRS Providers have chosen this approach instead.

The whole of settlement negotiations are confidential in all respects and should not be disclosed in any manner, directly or indirectly, absent the express agreement of the parties involved therein. Though perhaps unintended, the ICOs' December 5, 2005, filing violated the spirit, if not the letter, of the foregoing well-established principle. Moreover, said filing, even if permissible under the afore-stated principle, failed to accurately or fairly describe, and in essence mischaracterized, recent settlement discussions.

Rather than engage in either disclosing confidential settlement negotiations or attempting to unilaterally characterize the same, the CMRS Providers simply state that they stand by their November 30, 2005, filing. To date, settlement discussions have been unsuccessful.

Respectfully submitted,


Melvin J. Malone

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cc: Parties of Record